

ACTION MINUTES
ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
August 1, 2002

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE. AUDIOCASSETTE TAPES OF THE ACTUAL MEETING ARE AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair, Toni Young called the meeting of the Energy and Environment Committee (EEC) to order at 10:30a.m.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD and INTRODUCTIONS

Larry Nelson, Artesia was introduced as new member and John McTaggart, Rancho Palos Verdes, attended.

3.0 REVIEW and PRIORITIZE AGENDA

Action Items were reviewed in the following order:
5.3; 5.1; 5.4; 5.2; and 5.5 (addendum)

Motion to Approve by Krom, Seconded by Forester, then UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED by the Committee.

4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

4.1 Approval Item

4.1.1 Action Minutes – August 1, 2002

4.2 Receive and File

4.2.1 SCAG Legislative Matrix 2001/2002 Session

4.2.2 Semi-Monthly Intergovernmental Review (IGR) Report: Areawide Clearinghouse Listing Environmental Document Listing and Amendments to Regional Transportation Improvement Program.

Motion to Approve by Forester, Seconded by Miller, then UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

5.3 Orange County Groundwater Replenishment Resolution

Cindy Ferch, Orange County Water District provided the Committee with a PowerPoint presentation on the Groundwater Replenishment System, a joint project between the Orange County Water District and the Orange County Sanitation District. The Groundwater Replenishment System is a high-tech membrane water purification system that converts sewer water to the purest water available.

Four reasons Orange County would need this system:

- 1) to reduce mineral levels in water – very hard groundwater
- 2) a need to expand underground seawater intrusion barriers
- 3) to provide a new water supply
- 4) it will delay building another ocean outfall

Motion to Approve by Forester, Seconded by Clark, then UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED by the Committee.

5.1 Mobile Source Emissions Inventory

Molly Hoffman briefed the Committee provide the Committee with an update on EMFAC model developed by the California Air Resources Board to illustrate how vehicles travel in California and how they pollute. Transportation conformity is a federal requirement for non-attainment and maintenance areas. It also requires that air quality and transportation plans are consistent. CARB is in the process of evaluating comments provided by SCAG.

Receive and file item, no action taken.

5.4 Current Energy Issues

Felix Oduyemi, SCE briefed the Committee on the progress of SCE's energy issues. Some of the recommendations under consideration:

- restructuring of the industry in the state
- developing new methods of purchasing power
- a review of how policy decision are made
- power generation alternatives
- impending rate increases
- outreach programs

Receive and file item, no action taken.

5.2 Urban Heat Island Mitigation

Ashwani Vasishth, SCAG Staff, provided the Committee with a PowerPoint illustration of the causes and consequences of the Heat Island Effect. Dark impervious hard surfaces absorb more heat in city areas, which is released into the atmosphere, heating ambient temperatures. Ozone formation is a photochemical process, which is temperature sensitive, therefore, as the temperature increases the likelihood of ozone formation and concentration is increased. Improvement in air quality, energy efficiency, and groundwater management can also be attributed to heat island mitigation.

Based on current studies in other states on the effects of heat island mitigation, staff will prepare a survey to consolidate with existing efforts for future discussions.

Receive and file item, no action taken.

5.5 AB 2770 (Matthews and Bogh)

Committee members received a memorandum from the City of Ventura on the proposed waste board amendments regarding AB 2770. After careful review it was suggested the Committee withdraw its support of the bill and recommend that the office pull the bill.

Motion by Ruvalcaba to Withdraw Support and Bill AB 2770 Pulled from the Office, Seconded Kring, then UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

6.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1 Water Policy Task Force

Next meeting – August 14, 2002

On the Agenda:

Water Bond Issues

Colorado River

Draft Plan for Water Quality Initiative

6.2 Solid Waste Task Force

Met July 29, 2002

Key Discussion: Recycling Market Development Zones (RMDZ)

Next meeting – September (TBD)

7.0 CHAIRS' REPORT

None

8.0 STAFF REPORT

1. California Power Authority Programs:

- Demand Reserves Partnership – recruits government and others to agree to provide reserved capacity when needed by the state.
 - Public Leadership Solutions for Energy (PLSE) – a loan program that offers tax exempt interest rates
2. California Relief – a program under the Urban Forestry Division of the Trust for Public Land, has grant funds available to community based groups for tree planting on public land.
 3. Governor Davis signed AB 1493 (Pavley) that reduces greenhouse gases and CO₂ emissions. Staff is in the process of securing a speaker from the California Air Resource Board to speak on the bill.
 4. Reauthorization of TEA-21 - SCAG supplied comments to the U.S. Senate for a hearing.

11.0 COMMITTEE INFORMATION SHARING

Michael Feinstein:

1. he entertained six members of the Mexican government, who have expressed an interest in working with the Committee on cross border pollution power plant issues.
2. Attending UN World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg, South Africa.
3. Santa Monica acquired \$30 million from oil as an advance on a loan toward the development of clean-up facilities with the promise

Dennis Washburn:

1. Congratulations to those who achieved the objectives of AB 939 within the 10 year goal.

12.0 COMMENT PERIOD

None

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

Committee adjourned at 12:06 pm

Approved by:

Rich Macias, Manager
Aviation and Environmental Planning

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE		
Member	City	Present
Clark, Margaret	Rosemead	X
Cook, Debbie	Huntington Beach	X

Cowan, Elizabeth	Costa Mesa	
Daniels, Gene	Paramount	X
De Rosa, Kathleen	Cathedral City	
Dube, M.J. "Mac"	Twenty-nine Palms	
Eckenrode, Norman	Placentia	X
Feinstein, Michael	Santa Monica	X
Forester, Larry	Signal Hill	X
Kring, Lucille	Anaheim	X
Krom, Beth	Irvine	
Kuiper, Hank (Vice Chair)	Imperial	
La Bonge, Tom	Los Angeles	
Miller, Michael	West Covina	X
Miscikowski, Cindy	Los Angeles	
Nelson, Larry	Artesia	X
Roth, Neil	Lawndale	X
Rutherford, Mark	Westlake Village	
Ruvalcaba, Xochilt	South Gate	X
Streator, Joyce	Pasadena	
Van Arsdale, Lori	Hemet	(teleconferenced)
Washburn, Dennis	Calabasas	X
Weiss, Jack	Los Angeles	
Young, Toni (Chair)	Port Hueneme	X

Ex-Officio Members		
Member	Agency	Present
Arias-Lee, Norma	Metropolitan Water District	
Gildred, Kathleen	SCCED	X
Ketcham, Ron	SCAQMD	
Oduyemi, Felix	SCE	X
Perdue, Robert	California Regional Water Control Board	
Pruett, Ben	Gas Company	
Wein, George	Metropolitan Water District	

Quorum	8
Voting Members Present	14
Total Voting Members	24
% Members Present	58%